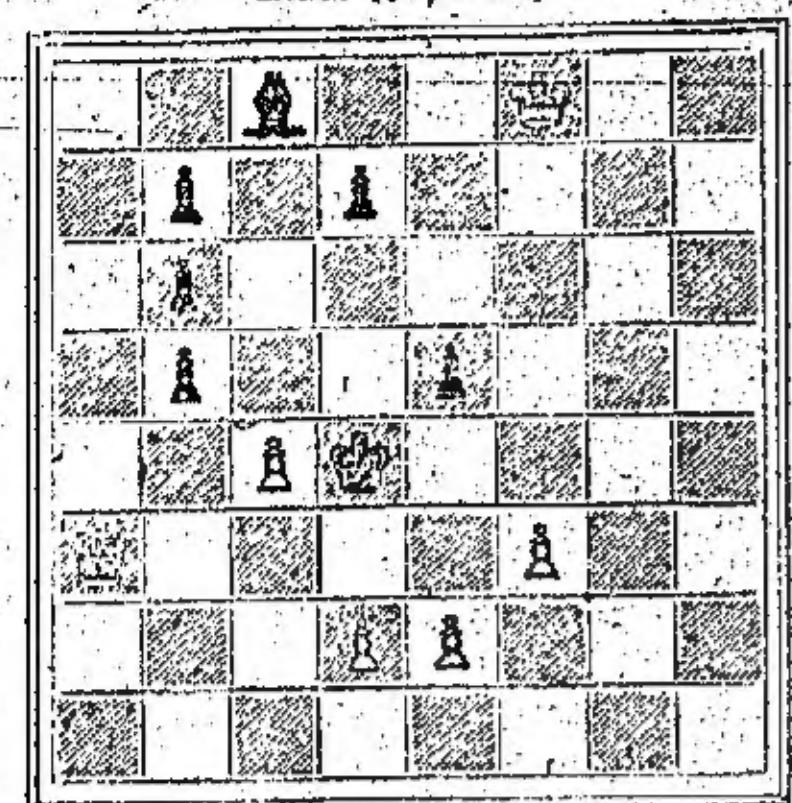


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The Hongkong Chess Club meets every
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from
four till half past seven p.m., at the
Public Library, 15, Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 6.
By G. J. SALTER.
Black (7 pieces).



White (6 pieces):

White mates in three moves.

Solution to Problem No. 5 by W. Geary,
London:—

1 B-Q B 8, Kt-Kt 2; 2 KxKt,
P-Kt 7; 3 B-K 3.
1 B-Q B 8, Kt-B 5; 2 Kt-B 7 ch,
KxP; 3 Kt-P.
1 B-Q B 8, P-Kt 7; 2 R-K 3,
KxKt; 3 P-K 5, &c.

The handicap competition for the cup
presented by Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., has
reached the third or round robin round, the
draw being M. F. G. Handley v. Colonel
The Honourable in Mr. P. W. Sergeant v.
Mr. Dastur.

The all-day tournaments of the Singa-
pore Chess Club have been won as follows:—
A Class by Mr. J. B. Elouin, B Class by
Mr. Batemurah. Like the Mizoo, an
example of which is given below, the
Alpav is one of the most fascinating of
the King's side gambits.

According to the *Times Weekly*, chess is
being more largely patronised in the Eng-
lish colonies and in other directions, and
problems are undoubtedly meeting with in-
creasing attention. The game, in fact, is
being adapted more to the capacities of ordi-
nary mortals, instead of being the ex-
clusive possession of a few cantharous
masters.

Last week, I gave a description of 'The
Plodder' taken from the *Yorkshire Weekly
Press*. Here are descriptions of two other
'types' who will delight the heart of the
Secretary of the local Chess Club:—

'The Book Player' of the club is general-
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The following lively 'Music' played
many years ago between the Rev. G. A.
Macdonnell and H. E. Bird is refreshing:—

HUO GAMBL.
White—Macdonnell Black—Bird.
1 P-B 4 P-K 4
2 P-E B 4 P-K 4
3 Kt-K 4 P-Kt 4
4 Kt-Q 4 P-Kt 4
5 Castles P-Kt 4
6 Q-Q 2 Q-K 2
7 B-Q 4 Kt-Q 3
8 Q-B x P Kt x P
9 Q-Q 3 B-K 2
10 B-Q B P Kt-R 3
11 P-K 5 Q-B 4
12 B-Q 6 Q-Kt 3
13 K-R sq. K-Kt-B 4
14 Kt-B 3 Q x P
15 B x P Ch K-Q
16 Q x Kt at Q 4!! Kt-Q sq.
17 Kt-Q 5 Resigns.

A most artless finish. White, of course,
threatens mate by K-B 7 or B-7, and
Black cannot defend both squares.

Below I give a fine example of the late
R. Charousek's style:—

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENCE.
White, J. Bézy. Black, R. Charousek.
1 P-K 4 P-K 4
2 P-E B 4 Kt-Q 3
3 B-Q 4 Kt-B 3
4 Kt-K 5 P-Q 4
5 P x P Kt-Q 4
6 B-Kt 5 ch P-B 3
7 P x P P-K 4
8 B-R 4 (a) P-K 3
9 Kt-B 3 P-K 4
10 Kt-Q 5 P-K 4
11 Kt-K 5 (b) Q-K 3
12 Kt-Q 3 Castles
13 P-Q 4 (c) B-Kt P
14 K-R sq. B-B 5
15 Q-Q 4 Kt-B 4
16 Kt-K 2 P-K 6 (d)
17 Castles (e) P-B 6
18 K-R sq. (f) B-Q Kt
19 Kt-B 3 B x P
20 R x Q R-K 8
Resigns.

(a) B-K 2 is the correct move here.
(b) Had he played B-K 2, he could
have now moved 11. Kt-K 5, and if the
Knight be again attacked, withdraw it to
Kt 4, or B 4. If now, 11. Kt-K 5, then
11... Q-Q 5; 12 B x P ch, Kt-B 13;
Kt-B 3, with three Pawns for a piece;
but we prefer Black's position nevertheless.
(c) An unsound attack. He should have
retained on the defensive with 13. B-K 2;
3. B-Q 4; 14 Kt-Q sq and submit to
the attack.

(d) The surprising final attack.
(e) K 19 B x P, then 19... B x K P
would win.
(f) K 18 B x P, then 18... Kt-K 5, etc.

INDIAN REGIMENTS AND EASTERN COLONIES.

The Shortage of Officers.

The latest issue of our Allahabad con-
temporaries contains the following editorial
comment:—

Of the five new battalions of Native
Infantry, the cost of which is to be borne
by the Home Government, two have been
to be raised. The deliberation shown by
the Government in this regard is the
formation of these two regiments may well
be surprising. Financial reasons cannot
be pleaded, for every rupee that is to be
spent, even in the preliminary arrangements,
will be refunded, and the accounts can
be adjusted by a stroke of the pen.
Considering that some 8,000 British and
18,000 Native troops are absent in South
Africa and China, respectively, while four
battalions of Native Infantry are distrib-
uted for garrison work in Mauritius, Cey-
lon, and Singapore, it might be supposed
that no time would be lost in raising the
new regiments. Is it that officers are not
available in sufficient numbers, and that the
Staff Comptroller can fulfil his functions?
This is besides the explanation of the
day, and the Government have now an
excellent opportunity for pressing their
case for an increase of British officers
for the Indian Army. The number of
additional officers sanctioned last year was
seen from the first to be insufficient even
when it is considered that now, with the Chin-
es Expeditionary work on hand and with new
regiments to be raised, the deficiency is
very marked. In the Tochi, the Swan Valley,
Wans, and elsewhere along the north-
west frontier, the troops are supposed to
be on a war foot g and to have their full
complement of 12 officers. So far, however,
from this being the case, the regiments are
under-officers nearly all of whom you
can be balanced, when four
companies have been lost for a time with two
officers. Any audience rising amongst the tribes
would reveal this dangerous weakness,
but fortunately there are no signs of any
trouble on the borderland. Again, regi-
ments in India itself are so short of officers
that the training by double companies under
the new system of organisation cannot be
carried out, and thus the efficiency of the
whole Native garrison is being impaired.
The military authorities must be well aware
of this, and if they were to consult General
Officers commanding districts they would
probably learn how serious the position is
at the present time. The men are all present
in the ranks: the officers who should train
and lead them are not forthcoming.
More needs to be said to emphasise the neces-
sity for immediate action?

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In their weekly share report, dated
Friday, March 1, Messrs. Benjamin,
Kelly and Potter state:—

Owing to our Annual Race Meeting, the
volume of business during the past week
has been rather limited and we therefore
have very little to report.

Banks. Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
have been in good demand and have risen
from 312 to 350 per cent. premium. The
London quotation is unchanged. National
Bank without business.

Marine Insurances.—Unions keep firm at
the previous rate of \$300. China Trade
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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Meeting.
5.10 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Rifle Association, at the Volunteer Headquarters.

Amusements.

5.30 p.m.—An Organ Recital, in Union Church.

9 p.m.—Bertram the Great, in the City Hall.

9 p.m.—Grand Concert, in St. Andrew's Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Average*, unclaimed before noon, subject to rent.

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General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 5.—
5 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club.

5.15 p.m.—Lecture, by Mr J. J. Francis, K.C., in the City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, March 6.—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, Fodder's Street.

Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, 10, Queen's Road Central.

3 p.m.—Sale of State Bonds, in the City Hall.

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THURSDAY, March 7.—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co., Ltd.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 2, Queen's Road Central.

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At the Government Civil Hospital on the 28th February, the Wife of H. B. Barrooz, of a Son.

At Chefoo, on the 3rd February, the Wife of H. C. Anderson, of a Son.

At 7, Museum Road, Shanghai, the Wife of Chev. E. Ginn, of a Son.

On the 29th Jan., at Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland, the Wife of Colonel Sir HENRY McCALLUM, R.E., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., of a Son.

DEATHS.

On the 6th January, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Copenhagen, of influenza, ANTON J. CHRISTENSEN, formerly of the Municipal Tax Department, Shanghai.

At Ardmore, Scotsborough, Renfrewshire, on 29th January, MARY, the wife of John McCallum.

On the 26th Jan., at Cairo, Egypt, PHILIP AMPLIET Nixon, late of Bangkok, Siam, eldest surviving son of Charles and Minnie Nixon, of Harlesden, London.

At No. 4, Love Lane, Shanghai, on the 21st February, JOANNE AUGUSTA IFFLAND, aged 61 years.

At Shanghai, on the 22nd February, JOAQUIM FRANCISCO DE SENNA, aged 76 years.

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The *Universal Gazette* states that Li Hung-chang has received a telegram from Husa ordering him to inform the Foreign Ministers that the Emperor does not object to the placing of Foreign Legation guards in Peking, only their number must not be too large, and as to the indemnity demanded by the Powers, due consideration should be made as to the ability of the Chinese to pay it within a reasonable time.

Harmont's Circus.

The last performance of a protracted and highly successful season by the Harmont troupe of artists will take place to-night. It is expected that a bumper house will assemble to bid the popular artistes farewell. A special feature is provided to-night in the form of amateur riding contests. The last one was so successful and as brilliant of fun that the management decided to advertise another for the last night of their stay in Hongkong. The result is that about 40 entries have been received, and two prizes are to be offered. A bigger night's fun than that which will be provided to-night cannot be obtained for the money. Another feature will be the daring introduction to the tiger 'Duke' in his den by a sailor.

A 'Warm' Experience.

Mr F. Lionel Pratt, one of Reuter's special correspondents in North China, and Lieut. Mahon, R.E., found themselves in rather an alarming position the other day near Shantung. They were passengers on the steamer *Kuang Chi*, and while the vessel was blocked in by ice, they determined upon taking a walk over the white expanse. They had proceeded about two miles when the ice became thin, and Mr Pratt fell into the water. He was, however, rescued by his comrade, who himself became immersed later on. On their return they found the steamer had gone, and they were compelled to remain on the ice until the following morning. Fortunately those on board the *Kuang Chi* had managed to make the port during the night, and thus the fated adventurers were rescued and taken on board.

Court Mourning.

The following are the orders for Court mourning issued on 22nd January last by the Lord Chamberlain:

Orders for the Court to go into mourning for her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, of blessed memory, viz.:—

The Weekly Prayer Meeting in connection with the Hongkong Christian Union will be held at the City Hall at 5.15 Monday afternoon. Mr W. E. Lipwell will preside.

The fine P. and O. steamer *Plassey*, sister-ship of the *Sobraon*, arrived this morning on her maiden trip to the East. She leaves Hongkong for Marseilles and London direct on the 30th inst.

The Ceylon Volunteer Art to be armed with the Lee-Metford rifle. They received the Martini-Enfield rifle only two years ago.

As has been pointed out in White's Review, the increase in the British mercantile marine cannot be attributed to any fostering by Government subsidies. The only subsidy paid by the British Government is £42,300 entirely for postal services, but even if this is added the sum of £65,000 paid as a subvention to enable the Government to call for the services of a few fast merchantmen as armed cruisers in time of war, the total sum so expended when compared with the total tonnage afloat is relatively smaller than the shipping subsidies of foreign nations. Germany is now paying her steamship lines subsidies of £25,000 per annum; France, Navigation Bounties in the past year of £496,860; in addition to a Shipbuilding Bounty of £294,356; Italy, a Shipbuilding Bounty, which cost in 1898 £400,000 and which is expected to run up to £1,000,000, in addition a Navigation Bounty according to mileage; America for its very limited sea services £200,000, in addition to the advantage of restricting the coasting trade to American ships. Of course, shipbuilding is in its infancy, so to speak, in some of our rival countries, and what the effects of trusts and combinations in the coal and iron trades and the payment of subsidies may be it is as yet too early to predict. But we must not forget that Germany not only owns but has also built the largest vessel afloat—the *Deutschland*. This vessel is 16,622 tons gross, and in the same yard where she was built there were also turned out three more steamers with second floors gutted. The damage, which is considerable, is fully insured.

REPORTS IN THE BLOOM—We have seen lots of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use of Clarke's Blood Purifier. It is said to be too highly estimated, for it cures and clears the blood from all in purities. This is a good testimonial from the *Family Doctor*, which goes on further to say: 'If the finest Blood Purifier that science and skill have brought to light, and we can with the utmost confidence recommend it to our entire patients, we can assure you that it is a safe and reliable medicine.'

Dr. J. Dighton Probyn to the *Fury* Purse, and Sir Francis Knollys, Private Secretary to the King.

Weihaiwei.

Mr Byron Bronan, H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Shanghai, has issued a notice to the effect that the previous notification of the 3rd July last, prohibiting the landing of passengers at Weihaiwei, is now withdrawn.

Outbreak of Plague.

Frook took place in a rice shop in Wing Lok Street, this morning. The Central Brigado was summoned, but, before the flames were extinguished, the first and second floors were gutted. The damage, which is considerable, is fully insured

HONGKONG RACE MEETING,
1901.

OFF DAY.—SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH.

Better weather than that which prevailed this afternoon could not have been wished for the off-day. The course was lined with a great crowd of Chinese, and the various stands, and the premises were largely patronised by Europeans. Ladies were much in evidence in their gayest attire. The Duke of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was in attendance and deserved excellent marks. It was pleasing to note that the military ponies took the field to-day.

COMBATING THE PLAGUE.

Precautions against Small-Pox.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held to-day, Hon. R. D. Ormsby (President) in the chair. The other members present were Dr Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Dr Bell, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Mr. Fung, Wu-Chan, and Mr Chan & Cook; Mr. E. Osborne arrived at the meeting was absent.

A good start was made, Giraffe coming into prominence. The field closed together at the Black Rock and ran together into the village. Altzold was a length ahead at the entrance to the straight. Giraffe taking second place and Sun-downe following hard behind. These three made a splendid race for the winning post. Sun-downe drew almost level with the leader and looked like winning. Only half a neck separated them at the finish. Time, 58.2 secs.

The "SINHAD" Cup, presented to second pony to receive the entrance fees, for beaten China ponies; implied ponies allowed 2 lbs; entrance \$20. One mile, and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Tux Rose (Cumbria). . . . 11.4 1
Mr G. H. Potts' Interrogation (P. A. Cox). . . . 11.4 2

The entry for this race was somewhat disappointing, but the match had one. Interrogation had the lead from start to the "distance," where Tux Rose challenged him, and won nevertheless easily, by a length. Time, 2.47. This is Mr. Buxey's first success during the meeting.

The Vipers' Cup; presented to second pony to receive the entrance fees, for beaten China ponies; implied ponies allowed 2 lbs; entrance \$10. Half-a-mile.

Mr. J. H. Lewis' Haphazard (D. S. Vieux). . . . 10.10 3
Mr. Buxey's Sourire Rose (P. A. Cox). . . . 10.10 0

Mr. Buxey's Imperial Rose (May). . . . 10.10 0
Mr. Hart Buck's Belyvoir (Hart Buck). . . . 10.10 0

* 2 lbs over. + 2 lbs over.

There was a good field and it was difficult to spot the likely winner. If anything, Fawcett was the favourite. After one bid start the field got off in an even line—a splendid start. On their going up the Hill, Haphazard took a lead of about a length, followed by Sourire Rose, with Fawcett third. The field tailed out towards the village and entering the straight, Haphazard had a lead of two lengths. Unionist came up strong on the outside and at the distance post came on over terms with the leader. The finish was a grand one, Unionist winning from Fawcett by just half a neck, and Haphazard making a good third. Time, 1.11.

The Queen's Cup; presented to the second pony to receive the entrance fees, for beaten China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; implied ponies allowed 2 lbs; entrance \$5. to go to the second pony.

Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. John Peel's Dingo (F. A. Cox). . . . 1
Mr. Brutton's Micra (Brutton). . . . 2
Mr. Hart Buck's Croxton (D. S. Vieux). . . . 0
Mr. Hart Buck's Lincoln (Hart Buck). . . . 0

There were six fences and a water jump. Dingo started a strong favourite and justified expectations. All four started even, but the field immediately spread out. Miser led the field, followed by Croxton and Dingo, with Lincoln a good way behind. At the third jump Miser knocked down the fence but continued to lead. All got safely over till the water jump was reached, when Croxton, which occupied second place, fell, and Lincoln refused to attempt it. Miser and Dingo went ahead at a good pace. At the seventh jump Dingo was drawing closer to the leader. By this time Croxton had been remounted and went off in pursuit of the others who were more than half a lap behind. On coming up to the next jump Dingo gave up—Miser passed him on the second jump of the last round. At the second attempt at the water jump Dingo cleared in good style, but Miser dropped her hind legs into the water. He quickly recovered, but was unable to overtake the favourite, which ran in winner by twelve lengths. Croxton completed the round for third place. The Chinese ought to have been kept from mobbing on either side of the ditch.

The Glory Cup; presented to all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; implied ponies allowed 2 lbs; entrance \$5. to go to the second pony.

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Mr. G. H. Potts' Desert King (Ah-Dom). . . . 10.0
Mr. John Peel's Baluchi (Old Man). . . . 10.0
Mr. Marshall's Hope (Ah-Mci). . . . 10.0
Mr. Dorick's Thundstrom (Ah Chow). . . . 10.0
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The Mapo's race drew out a good entry and great interest was manifested by the spectators. An even start. Hope and Desert King took the lead. Tit Bits had a look in and passed the leaders. At the back stretch Desert King came up and the field closed in a bit towards the Rock. Baluchi came up and made an obvious lead of two lengths going around the corner. Entering the straight Desert King had a lead of about a length and a half. There was a fine tangle between Baluchi and Hope for third place, but the former was successful.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

British Troops Praised.—Russian Naval Reinforcements.

London, February 11.—The French boat taken in China and sent to France will be re-shipped at Tonkin to-morrow, and returned to the Chinese Government.

The *Moscow Gazette* urges the establishment of a permanent Russian Administration in Manchuria.

February 12.—Count von Waldner is dissatisfied with the French in organising an expedition in Shensi during the peace negotiations, and complained. General Baillond replied that he was acting independently of Count von Waldner, and considered it expedient to wait an incipient reaction in the bud.

A field of arms in Tomak, Tscheli, and Tscheng-Tien, and several provinces in South Russia has taken place, and the Government has assigned five million rubles to aid those in distress, and appeals to private charity.

February 13.—It is announced at St. Petersburg that the present political complications in the Far East necessitate an increase in the Russian squadron there.

London, February 13.—Mr. Balfour, in the House of Commons, said that the conduct of the British troops in China had been called for, the purpose of declaring Health Districts Nos. 9 and 10 infected with bubonic plague. There had been 24 cases of plague since the beginning of the year, two of which had been notified to-day, and there were certain bye-laws which could be put in force only during the prevalence of plague in the Colony of plague, cholera, or small-pox. It was with the view of obtaining the powers of these by-laws that the meeting had been convened.

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Calcutta, Feb. 16.—The total estimated expenditure on the sea transport of the China Force to March 31st, adjustable through the Indian routes, is £1,100,000.

The Imp. German Mailer, Stuttgart, carrying the German Mail, will leave from Berlin on the 4th Feb., left Corinna early morning, the 24th Feb., and may be expected here on about Thursday, the 7th March.

The Imp. German Mailer, Kautschau, left

Kelkai, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on Sunday afternoon, the 24th Feb., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 5th March.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Nippon Maru*, with mail, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Colak, and Sase, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 19th Feb.

The C. P. R. Co. s.s. *Empress of China* left Victoria on Monday afternoon, the 23rd February, for Hongkong, via the usual ports of call.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Nankin* left Singapore for this port on the 25th Feb., at 6 p.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Hiroshima Maru* left Kobe via Moji, for this port on the 25th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 4th March.

The *Fei-Fei* left Kobe via Moji, for this port on the 23rd February, and may be expected here on or about the 7th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kawasaki Maru* left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 28th February, and is expected to arrive here on the 6th March.

The Cal. & O. S. Co.'s s.s. *Strathpeffer* left San Diego on 20th Feb., for Hongkong, via Kobe.

The N. P. C. s.s. *Duke of Fife* sailed from Tasmania, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 6th Feb.

The N. P. C. s.s. *Queen Adelaide* sailed from Tasmania, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 14th Feb.

Latest Advice.

The N. G. L. steamer *Bomberg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 1st March, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 7th March.

The H. L. steamer *Ariadna*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 4th March, and may be expected here on the 11th March.

The P. M. S. China, with the American Mar. of the 1st Jan., left Shanghai on Thursday, the 28th Feb., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 3rd March.

The O. A. C. s.s. *Poole*, with the American Mail of the 9th Feb., left Yokohama on Friday, the 1st March, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 9th March.

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The fever season in Africa is apparently very severe this year, and many deaths are taking place at Lourenco Marques, where batches of sick are continually arriving from the Komatiporto district. Many Boer refugees have also died.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Nickerson, Corporal Butt, of the Derbyshires, and Captains Mullins and Johnstone, of the Colonials, have been awarded the Victoria Cross.

February 14.—Unofficial news states that General French, in attacking the Boer Lager at Belmont last week, killed 40 and captured 200 Boers, besides a quantity of cattle.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

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